



# Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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## MINUTES

Meeting of January 7, 2003  
830 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Chairperson**  
Richard J. Rosenthal, CRE

**Vice-Chairperson**  
Patricia G. Gray

Wendy M. Brogin,  
A.I.C.P.

Walter P. Coombs  
Shana E. Epstein.  
Gordon Gray  
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.  
Algird Leiga  
Sharon Martinez  
Deborah H. O'Connor  
Kenneth D. Rozell  
William Selditz  
David Spence  
Terri Tippit  
Benjamin "Frank" Venti

Chairperson Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 3, 2002

On motion of Commissioner Coombs, seconded by Commissioner Leiga, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of December 3, 2002 with the following corrections:

- Page 1, under Chairperson's Report, Commissioner Epstein is a Public Works Project ~~Director~~ Manager for the City of Beverly Hills and is active in the Central Hollywood Community Council.
- Page 4, under Attendance, Members Not Present, ~~Sharon Martinez.~~

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Shana Epstein. Chairperson Rosenthal reviewed the attendance record and noted that some Commissioners have not been participating. He actively seeks participation of absent Commissioners or nominations from existing Commissioners.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion of Commissioner Coombs, seconded by Commissioner Rozell, the Commission unanimously approved reappointing Richard Rosenthal as Chairperson.

On motion of Commissioner Coombs, seconded by Commissioner Rozell, the Commission unanimously approved reappointing Patricia Stitzenberger as Vice Chairperson.

## DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER GOVERNANCE, SUPPLY AND COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS AND WATER RECYCLERS

The Honorable Edward "Jerry" Gladbach, Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) discussed the Santa Clarita Valley water community. Castaic Lake Water Agency is a state water project contractor and the primary agency serving this Valley with a population of approximately 195,000 in a 195 square mile area. The Agency sells water to four

retailers: CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division; Los Angeles County Waterworks District Number 36; Newhall County Water District and Valencia Water Company. Its Board of Directors consists of seven elected and four retail appointed individuals.

In 2001, Valley water usage was 76,800 acre feet, with an anticipated 2020 usage of 103,200 - 180,900 acre feet for a wet year and 201,100 - 279,700 acre feet in a dry year. The Agency is implementing a conservation program with a goal of ten percent savings. Other potential water supply areas include groundwater banking (a projected 150,000 acre feet), desalination, recycling and purchase of additional State Water Project entitlements. The real cost of water is \$350 - \$400 per acre foot. The Agency does its own water quality testing to ensure that water meets all public consumption requirements.

With the increasing cost of purchasing water from northern California, Mr. Gladbach estimates that it will be a short period of time before desalination will competitive source of water and as a result it has been included in the 2020 projections. Recycled water is currently used for the irrigation of landscape areas and golf courses.

Chairperson Rosenthal thanked Mr. Gladbach for returning to the Commission to continue the discussion of water issues.

### **STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORTS**

Chairperson Rosenthal requested Commissioner Rozell, Chairperson of the Rules Committee provide a review of focal issues prior to the next sunset review at the March 4, 2003 meeting.

Vice Chairperson Stitzenberger plans to hold an ad hoc committee meeting to discuss the potential joint project with the Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Commissioner Brogin plans to discuss the issue of sub-regional housing with Commissioners and possibly narrow the focus to a level the Commission could undertake.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)**

Commissioner Coombs mentioned an article discussing the permit process and the difficulties and expenses in obtaining approvals for projects within the County. Vice Chairperson Stitzenberger reported that the CAO has taken over this review. Bruce Staniforth reported that the CAO's task force is expected to present its findings in spring.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Rosenthal, Chairperson  
Patricia Stitzenberger, Vice Chairperson  
Wendy Brogin  
Walter Coombs  
Shana Epstein  
Gordon Gray  
Errick Lee  
Algird Leiga  
Sharon Martinez  
Kenneth D. Rozell

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Arden F.A. "Shorty" Feldbush  
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.  
William Selditz  
David Spence  
Edward H.J. Wilson

**STAFF**

Martha Littlefield  
Ken Wales

**GUEST**

The Honorable Edward "Jerry" Gladbach, Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)  
Bruce Staniforth, Executive Director, Los Angeles Citizens' Economy Efficiency Commission  
Mark Granado, Los Angeles City Administrative Office